

21 January 1964

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson  
Ambassador-at-Large  
Department of State

**SUBJECT :** Recent Trends in Eastern Europe

1. The attached memorandum was prepared for Mr. McCone's personal information; I am nevertheless making copies available to a few interested officials who may find it of value.

2. Briefly, the paper traces the decline in Soviet authority over the Satellites, examines the economic problems encountered throughout the Bloc, focuses on the critical instability in Czechoslovakia, and points to a growing trend toward improved relations with the West among the various East European regimes.

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**Attachment:** ONE Memorandum for the Director,  
Subject: "Recent Trends in Eastern Europe,"  
Dated 15 January 1964

Identical Memo Sent to Messrs. Harriman, Rostow, Davis,  
Klein, William Bundy, and Bromley Smith

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